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SUBJECT: JULA, JAWAY AND KOYAMA - SOMALIA'S DIEGO GARCIA?

1. SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY (SONNA) BULLETIN OCTOBER 4 REPORTED QTE TRANSLOCATION UNQTE 1,159 INHABITANTS OF JULA, JAWAY AND KOYAMA ISLANDS TO KUDA VILLAGE SOUTH OF KISMAYU. SONNA SAYS 100-MAN FORCE INCLUDING MILITARYMEN, VICTORY PIONEERS (GUULWAADAYAL), MEDICS AND SECURITY PERSONNEL TOOK PART IN OPERATION. SONNA PROVIDED NO RPT NO EXPLANTAION OF MOVE.

2. LOCAL SOURCE WITH SOMALI MILITARY CONTACTS SAYS LATTER CLAIM OUTRIGHT THAT MOVEMENT CIVILIAN POPULATIONS UNDERTAKEN TO FACILITATE SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITIES ON OR NEAR ISLANDS. MOREOVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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SOMALI PUNDITS HAVE DUBBED OPERATION QTE OUR DIEGO GARCIA UNQTE.

3. WE HAVE NO RPT NO HARD INFORMATION GSDR/SOVIET INTENTIONS,
MILITARY OR OTHERWISE, WITH RESPECT TO ISLANDS. IT EXTREMELY
CURIOUS, HOWEVER, IN WAKE PUBLICITY OVER RELOCATION DIEGO
GARCIA RESIDENTS AND SUSPICION OF SOVIETS AMONG SOMALIA GENERALLY;;
THAT SONNA WOULD REPORT THIS MOVE. ABSENCE OF EVEN A COVER STORY
IS BOUND TO STRENGTHEN SUSPICIONS. (FYI: IN-HABITANTS OF ISLANDS

NOT RPT NOT ETHNIC SOMALI, MAJORITY ORIGINATING KENYA AND
MADAGASCAR. GIVEN THIS PLUS FACT MOST SPEAK SWAHILI OR BLEND OF

SWAHILI/SOMALI, RAPID INTEGRATION MAINLAND SOCIETY NOT RPT NOT LIKE-

LY. ISLANDS WERE (BY SOMALI STANDARDS, FAIRLY PROSPEROUS,
DERIVING INCOMES PRINCIPALLY THROUGH FISHING AND SMUGGLING - NOT
NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER. END FYI) WASHINGTON VIEWS ON PURPOSE
AND SIGNIFICANCE GSDR ACTION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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